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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 March 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 11 October 2001 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

This action is responsive to the arguments filed April 25, 2005. Claims 1-24 are pending.

Claims 1-24 represent a method for testing a web service as components.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over anticipated by Godfrey et al. US Patent No. 6,662,217 in view of Stawikowski et al. US Patent Publication No. 2002/0046239.

Stawikowski teaches the invention substantially as claimed including communicating on a network between an automation equipment device and a remote device (see abstract).

Godfrey teaches the invention as claimed including a method for testing components of a web application (see abstract).

As per claims 1 and 14, Godfrey teaches a method and computer program product of testing a Web Server as a component comprising the steps and instructions of:

identifying, on a remote system, a Web Server to be tested (finding a web Server to be tested; column 3, lines 4-65; column 4, lines 6-57; column 5, lines 45-52);

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obtaining information relating to the Web Server to be tested (getting information about the Server; column 3, line 66-67; column 4, lines 1-8; column 5, lines 45-52);

generating, from the information, a program to exercise the Web Server to be tested (obtaining a test suite for testing the program; column 4, lines 17-27; column 4, lines 57-67; column 5, lines 29-44);

executing the program to exercise the Web Server to be tested (running the test suite; column 4, lines 17-35); and

obtaining results from the Web Server to be tested (getting status reports about the tests; column 5, lines 14-29).

Godfrey does not expressly teach a Web Service. Stawikowski teaches a Web Service. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine testing a web server of Godfrey with the web service of Stawikowski. A person of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this because a web service is an application which is well known to run on web servers.

As per claims 2 and 15, Godfrey discloses the method of claims 1 and 14 wherein further comprising the step of verifying that said results are correct (getting status reports and checking for reports on tests; column 4, lines 5-29, lines 46-62).

As per claims 3 and 16, Godfrey teaches the method and computer program product of claims 1 and 14 wherein said step of identifying includes locating an application to be tested. See column 7, lines 21-30. Godfrey does not teach locating a Web Service descriptor language

(WSDL) file for the Web Server. Stawikowski teaches locating a Web Server descriptor language (WSDL) file for the Web Server. See paragraph 0029. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine locating an application of Godfrey with locating a WSDL file of Stawikowski. A person of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this to coordinate and synchronize the testing procedure.

As per claims 4 and 17, Godfrey teaches the method computer program product of claims 3 and 16 wherein said step of identifying further comprises discovering an application. See column 7, lines 42-49. Godfrey does not teach locating a DISCO file, said DISCO file including a list of WSDL files. Stawikowski teaches locating a DISCO file, said DISCO file including a list of WSDL files. See paragraph 0041. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine locating an application of Godfrey with locating a DISCO file of Stawikowski. A person of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this to coordinate and synchronize the testing procedure.

As per claims 5 and 18, Godfrey teaches the method of claims 1 and 14 wherein said step of obtaining information relating to the Web Server to be tested includes obtaining information relating to the Web Server interface (getting information about the application being tested; column 5, lines 53-67; column 7, lines 50-65). Godfrey does not expressly teach a Web Service. Stawikowski teaches a Web Service. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine testing a web server of Godfrey with the web service of Stawikowski. A person of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this because a web service is an application which is well known to run on web servers.

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As per claims 6 and 16, Godfrey teaches the method of claims 1 and 14 wherein said step of obtaining information relating to said Web Server to be tested further comprises obtaining information related to the methods of the Web Server (getting information about how the application being tested works; column 8, lines 15-35). Godfrey does not expressly teach a Web Service. Stawikowski teaches a Web Service. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine testing a web server of Godfrey with the web service of Stawikowski. A person of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this because a web service is an application which is well known to run on web servers.

As per claims 7 and 20, Godfrey teaches the method of claims 1 and 14 wherein said step of obtaining information relating to said Web Server to be tested further comprises obtaining information relating to parameters to be passed to said Web Server (getting information on what kind of data is sent to the application being tested; column 8, lines 15-35) Godfrey does not expressly teach a Web Service. Stawikowski teaches a Web Service. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine testing a web server of Godfrey with the web service of Stawikowski. A person of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this because a web service is an application which is well known to run on web servers.

As per claims 8 and 21, Godfrey teaches the method of claims 1 and 14 wherein said step of executing the program to exercise the Web Server to be tested

includes sending and receiving messages with said Web Server (column 4, lines 36-45).

Godfrey does not expressly teach a Web Service. Stawikowski teaches a Web Service. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine testing a web server of Godfrey with the web service of Stawikowski. A person of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this because a web service is an application which is well known to run on web servers.

As per claim 9, Godfrey teaches the method of claim 1 wherein said remote system resides on a network (column 3, lines 56-67; column 4, lines 1-8).

As per claim 10, Godfrey teaches the method of claim 9 wherein said network comprises the Internet (column 3, lines 56-67; column 4, lines 1-8)

As per claims 11 and 22, Godfrey teaches the method of claims 8 and 21 wherein said messages are sent in a platform independent protocol. See column 2, lines 42-47. Godfrey does not teach sending the messages in a SOAP protocol. Stawikowski teaches sending messages in SOAP protocol. See paragraphs 0018-0021. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine sending a message of Godfrey with sending a message in SOAP protocol of Stawikowski. A person of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this to allow for execution of any test against any product in any application.

As per claim 12, Godfrey teaches the method of claim 8 wherein said messages are transported across said network using an HTTP Internet protocol (column 4, lines 36-45; column 12, lines 49-64).

As per claims 13 and 34, Godfrey teaches the method computer program product of claims 8 and 14 wherein said messages are in IP Protocol format. See column 2, lines 42-47. Godfrey does not teach an XML format. Stawikowski teaches sending messages in XML format. See paragraphs 0008 and 0029. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine sending a message of Godfrey with sending a message in XML format of Stawikowski. A person of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this to allow for execution of any test against any product in any application.

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-24 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

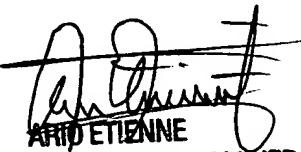
Roberts et al. US Patent No. 6,792,605

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Uzma Alam whose telephone number is (571) 272-3995. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Tuesday 9 AM - 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (571) 272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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